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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposal for Issuance of an Unclassified Report
on Civil Consumption of Petroleum Products in
the USSR

25X1A6a 1. We are currently preparing a declassified version of CIA/RR
RA 59-3, Civil Consumption of Petroleum Products in the USSR, 1953-
1957, with the intention of issuing it as an unclassified report to
selected individuals in the US petroleum industry, to various
industrial and academic contacts of the [REDACTED] and to our
usual recipients within the Government.

2. In its original form the report was prepared very largely
from open sources with classified material used to support or
corroborate the estimates derived from the open-source material.
That portion of the text dealing with prospects for exports of
petroleum from the USSR in 1965 will be updated.

25X1A5a1 3. [REDACTED] a member
of the ORR Consultant Panel on Petroleum, has seen the report and
expressed the view that, if it could be made available in unclassified
form, it would have great interest and value to executives not only in
his company but elsewhere in the industry. [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] has also expressed a strong interest in having an
unclassified version of the report, and feels that very favorable
results in terms of future contacts in the petroleum industry would
result from its distribution.

4. Unless you indicate some objection, this Office will proceed
with the publication of the unclassified version within the next week
or two and will authorize its distribution to selected academic and
industrial recipients.

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